Multiple Meaning Words

Read the definitions for each word in colour. Then write the number of the correct definition that describes how the word is used in each sentence.

a) bear

1. to carry
2. to hold up or support
3. to put up with; endure
4. to produce by growth

_____ I can't bear this screeching sound any longer.

_____ He is bearing a tray of dishes.

_____ This tree bears lots of pears.

_____ I wonder if this ladder is strong enough to bear my weight?

b) leave

1. to go away from or depart
2. to let remain
3. to let stay without bothering or changing
4. to let stay for action or for later decision

_____ Let's leave that decision for tomorrow.

_____ The bus leaves in two minutes.

_____ She leaves him alone to finish his homework.

_____ Let's leave the book at home.

c) before

1. at an earlier time; in the past
2. in front of; ahead of
3. in the presence of; within view of
4. rather than

_____ We looked at the beautiful painting before us.

_____ I know you would go hungry before eating spinach and broccoli

_____ The choir members performed before their friends and families.

_____ I have read this book before.

d) light

1. the form of energy that makes it possible for the eye to see
2. something that gives off light, or the brightness produced by it
3. something that makes clear or gives understanding
4. pale in colour

_____ It's light outside during the day.

_____ The walls in this room are painted light yellow.

_____ Turn off your light before you go to sleep, please.

_____ Our teacher cast light on the subject of the frog life cycle.

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